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SUBJECT: ALLIED PROTEST IN MOSCOW OF RECENT GDR ACTIONS

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1. IN MAKING PROTEST TO BONDARENKO JAN 11, DCM OMITTED
SPECIFIC MENTION OF VERORDNUGSBLATT FUER GROSS-BERLIN AT TIME
HE MENTIONED VISA ISSUE, CHECKPOINT REMOVAL, GDR MFA STATEMENT AND
"CHANGES IN REGULATIONS" WHICH DCM DID NOT FURTHER SPECIFY.
FOR REASONS GIVEN IN PARA TWO BELOW, WE DO NOT THINK IT
ADVISABLE TO MAKE SEPARATE DEMARCHE PROTESTING THIS
POINT NOW, AT LEAST NOT IN MOSCOW. HOWEVER, IF DEPART-
MENT WISHES, WE CAN MAKE OUR CONCERNS KNOWN EITHER WHEN
FORMAL SOVIET REPLY IS DELIVERED OR AT APPROPRIATE OCCASION
SOON DURING OUR REGULAR CALLS AT MFA. ONE SUCH
INSTANCE WHICH WILL COME SOON IS POL COUNS INITIAL
CALL ON KVITSINSKIY HERE.

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2. GIVEN FACT THAT NONE OF ALLIED DEMARCHES MENTIONED
ISSUE OF PUBLICATION OF REGISER(BRITISH ACTING DCM,
AN OLD BERLIN HAND, OMITTED BECAUSE HE THOUGHT REGISTER
WAS PUBLISHED IRREGULARLY AND WAS THEREFORE NOT SURE
WHETHER PUBLICATION HAD FORMALLY CEASED), WE THINK IT
WOULD BE BETTER TO APPROACH SOVIETS ON THIS IN INFORMAL
WAY, MAKING POINT THAT DECISION TO SUSPEND PUBLICATION,

IF TAKEN, WOULD NECESSARILY REINFORCE CONCERN WE HAVE EXPRESSED ABOUT ACTIONS WE KNOW HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN. WE SUGGEST THIS LINE BECAUSE, WHILE CESSATION OF PUBLICATION WOULD BE SERIOUS, IT IS THUS FAR ONLY ALLIED SUPPOSITION THAT HIS HAS IN FACT TAKEN PLACE. BY SEPARATING THE REGISTER ISSUE IN THIS WAY FROM "PACKAGE" OF ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN, WE STAND marginally BETTER CHANCE TO HAVE REGISTER REAPPEAR SINCE (A) WE WILL NOT BE PUTTING SOVIETS IN POSITION OF APPEARING TO THEIR ALLIES TO REVERSE COURSE BECAUSE OF JAN 11 ALLIED PROTEST, AND (B) WE CAN FOSTER IMPRESSION THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER THIS AN ADDITIONAL MOVE TO FURTHER WORSEN SITUATION.

3. IN ANY EVENT, SHOULD THE DEPARTMENT WISH US TO RAISE THIS ISSUE IN MOSCOW FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE A SPECIFIC DETAILED EXPOSITION OF THE ARGUMENTATION ON THE REGISTER ISSUE BEFORE EXPOSING OURSELVES TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A LENGTHY DISCOURSE BY SOVIET EXPERTS.
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